आयोग को मांग पत्र भेजते समय, अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के लिए निर्धारित कोटे का कड़ाई से पालन किया जाता है। सहायक मंडल चिकित्सा अधिकारियों की पिछली भर्ती संयुक्त चिकित्सा सेवा परीक्षा, 1987 के माध्यम से की गयी थी। चालू वर्ष अर्थात वर्ष 1988 के लिए भी, सहायक मंडल चिकित्सा अधिकारियो के लिए एक मांग पत्र संघ लोक सेवा आयोग को भेजा गया है और अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए भी अपेक्षित कोटे की व्यवस्था की गयी है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Increase in population growth rate and infant mortality rate

137. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per centage of increase/decrease in infant mortality rate, both in the rural and urban areas, at the end of 1987 as compared to the rate of infant mortality in the years 1985 and 1986;

(b) what are the States which have constantly shown rise in the rate of population growth and infant mortality and what, according to the analysis, if any, made by Government, are the weaknesses identified in the implementation of the family planning programmes and to check infant mortality; and

(c) what are the changes, if any, contemplated by Government in family planning programme and to check the rate of infant mortality to achieve the desired results?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The Infant Mortality Rates as obtained from Sample Registration System of Registrar General, India for the latest available year 1986, as compared to previous two years are as follows:—

Year	Infant Mortality Rate		Per cent variation over previous year	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
1984	113	66		
1985	107	59	(—) 5.3	(—) 10 6
1986	105	62	(—) 1.9	(+) 5.1

(b) Among the major States, those who have shown constant rise in natural growth rate of population during the three years 1984, 1985 and 1986 are Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. However, in these three years none of the major States have shown at the same time constant rise in the infant mortality rate. The weakness in the implementation of family planning programme, in general, are inadequate reach, under utilisation of services and inadequate staffing of infrastructure.

(c) The basic thrusts of Family Welfare programme as identified in the VII Five Year Plan continue to be

implemented. No immediate change in the programme strategy is envisaged. To check the infant mortality rate, a Universal Immunisation Programme was launched in 1985 with the objective of achieving universal coverage of children by 1990.

Accidents involving D.T.C. buses

138. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed in Delhi between June, 1987 and June, 1988 in accidents involving Delhi Transport Corporation's buses; and

(b) what are the details of the financial assistance given to the families of the victims of those accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a During the period June, 1987 to June, 1988, there were 200 fatalities in accidents involving DTC buses.

(b) The grant of compensation depends on the awards of the Motor Accident Claim Tribunals before whom the accident victims/their heirs file claims. Besides compensation is also paid on the basis of out-of-court settlement reached between the D.T.C. Management and the claimants. During the period June, 1987 to June, 1988 the D.T.C. has paid a sum of Rs. 67,000 as compensation to the representatives of accident victims referred to in part (a) of the answer.

Views of State Governments' on sex determination test

139. SHRI HARI SINGH:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought the views of the State Governments on sex determination test so as to formulate a legislation to check it;

(b) if so, what are the views of State Governments in the matter; and

(c) by when the legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The issue was discussed in the meeting of the State Health Ministers held in Delhi on 30th May, 1988. It was felt that there was a need to consider the desirability of bringing a legislation on the lines of the legislation passed by the Maharashtra Government.

(c) No definite time can be indicated. The matter will be examined in consultation with the State Governments.

Superfast Express trains between Delhi and Puri

140. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Ministre of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a superfast express train between New Delhi and Puri; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) 915/916 New Delhi-Puri Superfast service 4 days a week is already there.

Monitoring of the adverse drug reaction at National Level

141. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a what are the details of steps taken by Government to monitor